

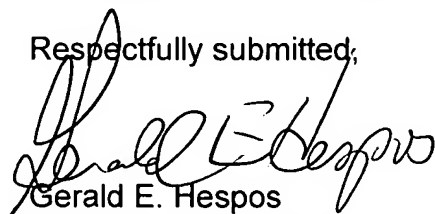
REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-14 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended further beyond the Amendment that was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 18, 2004.

The remarks section of the Amendment mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 18, 2004 asserted that claim 1 was amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 4 and 7 and proceeded to explain differences between the invention and the references relied upon by the Examiner. Upon further review, it was realized that original claim 4 defined the multiplicity of converter devices as being "arranged in cascade form". That limitation was not added to amended claim 1. The purpose of this Supplemental Amendment is to add that limitation into claim 1, and to ensure that claim 1 is a combination of claims 1, 4 and 7 as original presented. The remarks section presented in the earlier version of this amendment are fully consistent with this further amendment to claim 1. For the reasons stated yesterday, it is submitted that all of the claims are directed to patentable subject matter and allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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